

Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council



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Welcome to the IACC Quarterly Newsletter

By Bill Cole

Welcome to the first edition of the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) Quarterly Newsletter. Members of the Council have high hopes for the newsletter and want you to be integral to its success!

The goals of the newsletter are to provide relevant and timely information on infrastructure financing and related issues, and to enhance communication between state and federal financing programs, as well as the customers we serve.

Most of the distribution will take place electronically. It is a work in progress and the type of information will likely change over time. But there are some items that you can expect to remain constant.

Each newsletter will feature an article from one of the four Committees of the IACC: the Executive/Legislative Committee in the March edition; the Membership/Communication Committee in June; the Technical Assistance/Education Committee in September; and the Conference Planning Committee in December.

We will have a 12- month calendar of events, including trainings, conferences, workshops, application deadlines and any other items of interest regarding infrastructure financing.

For the first three months, we will have specific dates, times and locations.

Information for the following nine months will be more general with the details to come in a later edition of the newsletter.

In this edition you will see specific information for August and September.

We will be relying on all of you to provide relevant information to put on the calendar and share with the other readers.

There will be a brief summary of the previous IACC Quarterly Meeting, including any major discussions and decisions and any updates from the Committees. If there was a presentation at the meeting, we may include a synopsis (*Continue on page 2*)



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of the presentation or notes from the speaker.

We will also include information regarding any program updates or changes. Given the timing of state and federal legislative actions, you should expect to see updates and changes on a regular basis.

We also invite you to contribute articles to the newsletter. Do you have a success story to share that may help a local community in a similar situation? Do you know of an issue or event that is beginning to (or soon will) have an impact on local government infrastructure? Please let us know so we can include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Prior to each IACC Quarterly Meeting, we will be asking for information and articles to be submitted by the meetings in March, June, September, and December. It

will be compiled, edited and sent out electronically by the end of that month.

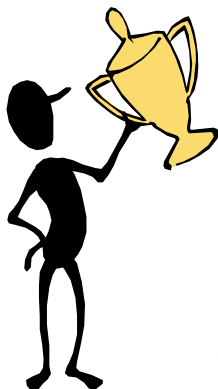
It is our hope that this newsletter will be timely and useful to you and that you look forward to receiving it every quarter. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the newsletter, please contact Chris Gagnon at (360) 236-3095 or by email at chris.gagnon@doh.wa.gov.

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Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy the exciting world of infrastructure financing!!!

Let's Play...Name That Newsletter!



This brand-new newsletter is in need of a name! Please send any and all suggestions for a name by September 1st to Chris Gagnon at chris.gagnon@doh.wa.gov.

Need incentive?

The winner of this contest will receive one free registration for

the upcoming IACC Conference!

More Games...

So you think you know your state? See how well you do at the **WaWizQuiz** by clicking on <http://access.wa.gov/washington/>.

June 2 Quarterly Meeting Highlights

Financial Status:

Al King and Cecilia Gardener volunteered to work together to hire an attorney regarding IACC's Federal non-profit status.

They would like to partner it with the Infrastructure Tracking System. They are currently working on a users manual for the template and identifying potential partners. Their goal is to offer this tool free to local jurisdictions.

Presentations:

- Bill Jarocki, Director of the EPA Region 10 Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University, gave a computer overview of the CAPFinance Model. The purpose of the model is to assist local governments in setting rates.



IACC might want to look into contracting out to provide technical support if the decision is made to purchase the software.

Bill will submit a breakdown of the costs associated with purchasing the CAP FINANCE model. IACC members will vote electronically.

- Leonard Bauer and Wendy Compton-Ring presented the Capital Facilities Template.

The model has just been completed and now they are working out the technical assistance and distribution mechanisms. They plan to roll it out at this year's IACC Conference.

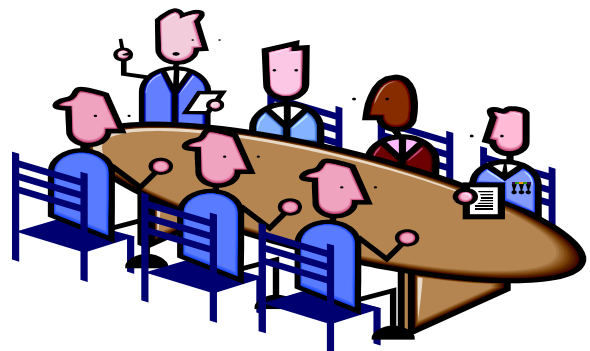
The Growth Management Unit at CTED sees IACC in an advisory role. Leonard and Wendy requested input on software distribution. Discussion followed regarding software integration so local jurisdictions would have easier access.

Committee Updates:

- The Conference Committee will decide on conference bags at the July 7 conference planning meeting. The committee is also considering coasters and name badge holders.

A conference lead for the computer room is needed. Please contact Bill Cole at (360) 586-4125 or email BillC@cted.wa.gov if interested.

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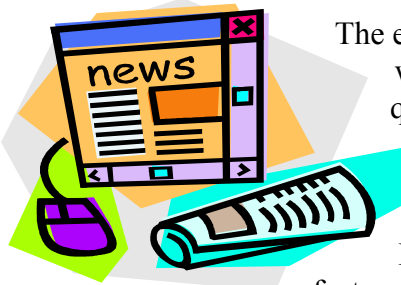
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Lunch speakers are being finalized. The computer room and breakout room will have Internet access. If vendors require Internet access, they will need to work with the conference center to get the access at \$75/day per hook-up.

Conference registration brochures are being finalized so they can go to the printer by June 7th. Conference session write-ups are due by September/October. Vendors will be contacted to get commitments.

IACC does have rooms available on Tuesday that will be free of charge. The Association of Washington Cities will assist small cities with a population under 5,000 with per diem.

- The Communication / Membership Committee updated the group on the IACC newsletter.



The electronic newsletter will be published quarterly, following each IACC quarterly meeting.

It will include a feature article from one of the committees, upcoming events, quarterly meeting summaries, success stories, and other items of interest.

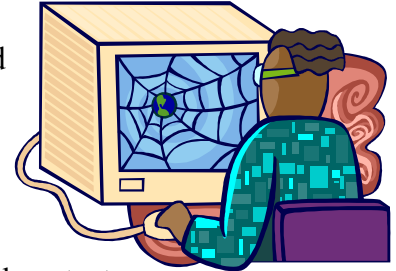
Chris Gagnon is working with Bill Jarocki to get the newsletter published.

The newsletter will be distributed electronically and posted to the IACC website.

- The Executive/Legislative, Technical Assistance/Education Committees had no news to report.

IACC Website:

A volunteer is needed to monitor the website to ensure accuracy and updated information.



Jacquie Andresen will contact the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and ask that quarterly reminders be sent to program staff to update program information in the database.

Other Business: Jacquie volunteered to review the IACC Program Registry every six months for accuracy. Cecilia will get a status on the membership agreement.

Next meeting:

September 1, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Building.
Contact Cecilia Gardener at (360) 586-4127.

Three Water Systems Recognized During Drinking Water Week

Water Tap, Washington's Drinking Water Newsletter

Three water systems in Washington were recognized for significantly improving and protecting the health of Washington residents.

The Office of Drinking Water presented "Drinking Water Awards" to the City of Shelton in Mason County; Public Utility District #1 in Stevens County, and the Town of Hamilton in Skagit County in observance of Drinking Water Week, May 2-8.

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City of Shelton, Mason County

The City of Shelton did an excellent job notifying 8,400 customers to boil their water after discovering the presence of fecal coliform bacteria last October.

The city began a program to locate the source of the contamination, clean the reservoir and flush the distribution system.

Shelton is also recognized for creating a regional plan for water supply and wastewater management (between the city, Washington Corrections Center, Port of Shelton and Washington State Patrol).

Public Utility District #1 of Stevens County

Stevens PUD has a history of providing safe and reliable drinking water to Spokane and Stevens Counties.

They are being recognized for taking their leadership and efforts "above and beyond" by assisting small, struggling water systems.

They currently manage 15 water systems with over 4,000 customers.

Town of Hamilton, Skagit County

Hamilton, a rural community of 350 people, is recognized for creating a protected well outside Skagit River's flood plain.

It replaced an older well that was highly susceptible to flooding and surface water contamination.



Secretary of Health Mary Selecky helped Stevens PUD celebrate their Water Week Award.

Rochester Primary School Epitomizes Good Planning And Savvy

Input Plant Operations Support's Shop Talk Spring 2004 newsletter www.ga.wa.gov/plant.

Larry Quarnstrom invested 14 years, and a lot of sweat, heart and soul into the small school district of Rochester.

Rochester is located in Thurston County, Washington, approximately 20 miles south of Olympia, right off Interstate 5.

Larry is the facilities manager of the district and has long dreamed of focusing all of his 20 plus years private and public sector experience toward construction of an ultimate "dream school." He appears to have achieved his dream in the form of Rochester Primary School.

All fiber optic and other data cables are color coded tactically located to affect easy and quick modification per building wing. Every aspect of the 48,729 square foot school was built with quality maintenance in mind.

"It's rare to see a school constructed in such a way as to incorporate teaching staff, administration, students and maintenance feedback alike," said Quarnstrom.

"This is a success story that's earning its accolades every day it serves these young citizens in a safe, productive and cost-efficient environment."

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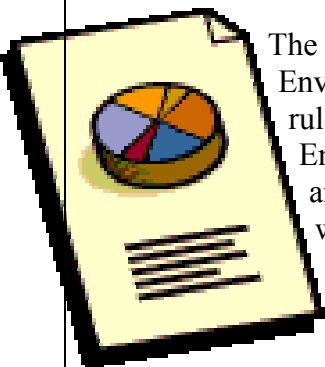
The Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water has revised the publication, Group A Public Water Systems Chapter 246-290 WAC (#331-010), also known as the "blue book".

The revisions reflect new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules regarding Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment and Arsenic, and increased fees for water system evaluation and

project review and approval.

A link to the State Code Reviser's official version of the current regulations is available now on our Web site. Click on "Rules and Regulations" from the Office of Drinking Water's home page: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/default.htm>.

The revised publication will be available in early July at <http://www4.doh.wa.gov/dw/publications/>.



Energy Team Achieves Milestone

Plant Operations Support's Shop Talk Spring 2004 newsletter www.ga.wa.gov/plant.

Public facilities in Washington have benefited from over \$100 million worth of energy efficient improvement projects through Washington state General Administration's Energy Team.

The team began its conservation efforts in 1986 for state agencies and community colleges, and has expanded the Energy Performance Contracting Program to include any publicly funded program.

Energy efficiencies aren't limited to lights and HVAC in offices and schools. The energy engineers find savings in pumps and motors at sewage treatment facilities, LED traffic light systems, swimming pools and greenhouses, as well.

In addition to the milestone mark of \$100 million in projects, avoided costs in electricity and natural gas has an accumulated total of over \$45 million.

The avoided cost represents a reduction of over 5 million therms of natural gas.

A reduction of 135 million kilowatt hours equals what is needed to power 10,000 average homes in the Northwest.

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The environmental impact of reducing energy use is of equal importance to the Energy Team.

The 135 million kilowatts of avoided costs equates to removing 194,000 tons of CO₂. In other words, it is the same as removing 25,885 cars from the road, or planting 52,949 acres of trees.

To find out more about the Energy Savings Performance Contracting program, visit www.ga.wa.gov/eas/energy.



A Site For Sore Infrastructure

Submitted by Sharon Fasnacht

We would like to encourage our IACC members to use agency publications to tell your customers about our website, <http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/currentgrants.asp>.

"Infrastructure DATABASE is your resource for locating infrastructure funding or technical assistance in Washington State."

With the generous help of the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Our IACC has provided a web site that includes almost all grant and loan opportunities offered by our membership. Let's get the word out to our customers!

Here's an example of an article the Association of Washington Cities recently published in their GRANT ALERT!

Site Of The Month: If you have infrastructure needs, you must check out this site, which is the host for grants, loans, and technical infrastructure assistance!

<http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/currentgrants.asp>

For example, this site lists opportunities to address:

- ④ Hazardous or solid waste management emergencies that threaten human health and the environment.
- ④ Fund studies for flood damage prevention. Eligible projects: Studies which may lead to the design and construction of flood damage prevention measures, both structural and non-structural, including flood warning systems.
- ④ Program to provide for the transfer of roadways between local agencies and the State Department of Transportation.
- ④ Small City Bridge Replacement. The Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee (BRAC) match program is to assist small cities with their required local match. TIB can provide funding up to 20% of the Federal eligible costs. This program is available to cities with a population less than 5000.



<http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/default.htm>

Water System Acquisition & Rehabilitation Program (WSARP)

The Public Works Board approved the top scoring Water System Acquisition & Rehabilitation Program (WSARP) projects at their April Board meeting.

The purpose of the program is to assist municipal water systems acquire and rehabilitate public water systems that have water quality problems or have been allowed to deteriorate to a point where public health is an issue.

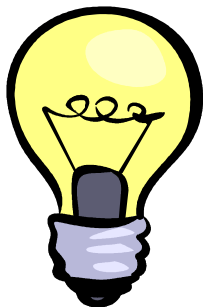
"The purpose of the program is to assist municipal water systems acquire and rehabilitate public water systems that have water quality problems or have been allowed to deteriorate to a point where public health is an issue"

Partial grants in the amount of \$4 million (maximum \$1 million per jurisdiction) are being awarded to 12 jurisdictions for 15 projects that will result in restructuring 29 problematic water systems.



The program is modeled after the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program and is jointly managed by the Public Works Board and the Department of Health. Future funding for the program is unknown at this time.

For more information, please contact either Chris Gagnon, (360) 236-3095, chris.Gagnon@doh.wa.gov, or Leslie Hafford, (360) 586-4128, leslie.hafford@pwb.wa.gov.



Ideas Please!

This newsletter is to be a work in progress, continually evolving to incorporate the clever ideas of IACC

members. Newsletter ideas and suggestions are being solicited. Please forward to Chris Gagnon at (360) 236-3095 or chris.gagnon@doh.wa.gov.

WaWizQuiz

Do you know the Washington State flower? Can you name all of Washington's governors? Have you done the Puyallup? Then we have the game for you! <http://access.wa.gov/washington/index.aspx>

The WaWizQuiz will test your knowledge of this great state with a fast-paced game of history and trivia. Put on your thinking cap and play the WaWizQuiz.

Question 1: The celebrated Puget Sound Ferry Kalakala served what purpose during the last 30 years?

- ☐ Virgin Island Cruise ship
- ☐ Alaskan seafood processing plant
- ☐ England to France Ferry Service
- ☐ Puerto Vallarta House Boat

Question2: Out of 100,000 fortune seekers that came to Seattle in the early 1900's, only 50 struck it rich, what were they here for?

- ☐ The Airplane game
- ☐ The Klondike Gold Rush
- ☐ Coal Mining in the Rockies
- ☐ The Boeing Boom

Question 3: The legend of the "Northwest Passage" brought many seafaring explorers to the Pacific NW, where did they find this elusive passage?

- ☐ The Columbia River Basin
- ☐ Straits of Juan de Fuca
- ☐ In their minds
- ☐ At Cape Flattery

Question 4: What is "mountain fever"?

- ☐ A virus caught from eating snow
- ☐ A strange attachment to Mt. Rainier
- ☐ SAD – seasonal affective disorder
- ☐ All of the above

Question 5: What race did the horse, Seattle Slew, win to capture the Triple Crown in 1977?

- ☐ The Kentucky Derby
- ☐ The Preakness
- ☐ Belmont Stakes
- ☐ All of the above

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Upcoming Events

Washington State Transportation Improvement Board call for projects

June 1-August 31,
2004. www.tib.wa.gov.

Northwest Community Development Institute

A 3-year certification program that provides training to address complex community issues. For information call Mindy Hobson at (800) 344-8594 or visit www.idahocities.org.

IACC Conference Planning Meetings:

August 4, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Works Board's office in Olympia. Contact Bill Cole at (360) 586-4125.

The Northwest Economic Development Course

August 1-6, 2004. For information, contact Maury Forman at mauryf@cted.wa.gov or visit www.cted.wa.gov/ed/et.

IACC Quarterly Meeting:

September 1, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the U.S. Forest Service bldg in Olympia and November 1, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wenatchee Convention Center. Contact Cecilia Gardener at (360) 586-4127.

Department of Ecology Statewide Water Quality Loan and Grant Workshops

September 1 in Spokane,
September 2 in Ellensburg,
September 8 in Everett, and

September 9 in Lacey. For more information, please check Ecology's web site at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq.

American Public Works Association 2004 Congress and Exposition

September 11-15, 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia.
www.apwa.net.

Washington Finance Officers Association 49th Annual Conference

September 21-24, 2004 in Wenatchee, Washington.
<http://www.wfoa.org>.

Washington State Department of Health Drinking Water Seminars

September 29, 2004, at Spokane; September 30 at Wenatchee; October 18 at Olympia; October 19 at Silverdale; and October 26 at Mt Vernon. Registration information will be available later this summer at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/default.htm>.

IACC Conference

November 2-4, 2004 at the Wenatchee Convention Center. Contact Bill Cole (360) 586-4125,
www.infracfunding.wa.gov.

Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA)

Conference November 7th-9th, 2004 in San Diego. For information, contact (619) 276-4010 or <http://www.cifanet.org/>.

2005 Road Builders Clinic

March 1-3, 2005, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Contact Kelly Newell at WSU, (509) 335-4247, knewell@wsu.edu.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) application workshops

Tentatively scheduled for Spring 2005. For information, contact Chris Gagnon (360) 236-3095, chris.Gagnon@doh.wa.gov, or http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our_main_pages/dwsrf.htm.

Public Works Trust Fund application workshops

Tentatively scheduled for Spring 2005. For information, contact (360) 586-4122 or www.pwb.wa.gov/.

Washington State Chapter American Public Works Association Fall Conference

October 19-22, 2004 in Kennewick. Contact Bruce Beauchene at City of Kennewick, (509) 585-4250, or visit the Washington State Chapter APWA web site at www.apwa-wa.org.

Small water system training for operators in Washington State

can be accessed at http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our_main_pages/training.htm.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.infracunding.wa.gov/>

About Our Organization...

IACC:

The IACC is a nonprofit organization made up from state and federal agencies, local government associations, nonprofit technical assistance firms, tribes and universities. It's been in existence for over 16 years.

Mission:

The IACC is dedicated to helping Washington communities identify and obtain resources they need to develop, improve and maintain public works programs. Together with the IACC, communities are better able to provide the infrastructure necessary to enhance, preserve and protect Washington's environment and quality of life.

Purpose:

Its purpose is to improve the delivery of infrastructure assistance, both financial and technical, to local governments. It does this by keeping members informed of changes in programs or services. About every other year, the IACC sponsors a statewide workshop where all of the programs assisting local governments with their infrastructure needs convene to discuss programs with local government representatives.

This information is available in a database, which can be accessed at www.infracunding.wa.gov.

Answers to the WaWizQuiz:

1: Nicknamed the Silver Slug, the Kalakala worked for 30 years as a seafood processing plant in Kodiak, Alaska. Sculptor Peter Bevis purchased it and towed it back to Seattle in 1988 for restoration.

2: In 1886, three men struck gold in the Yukon territories of Canada. The Klondike Gold Rush eventually brought over \$25 million dollars worth of sales to Seattle merchants who outfitted the thousands of gold-seekers heading north to make it big.

3: They didn't. The "Northwest Passage" was a myth that led explorers and adventurers on a wild goose chase. The result was the discovery and mapping of Washington State.

4: Mountain Fever is an obsession with Mount Rainier. We Washingtonians have named everything we can after our mountain. In fact, people who move away often find themselves longing for a glimpse of beautiful Mount Rainier.

5: The Triple Crown award is given to the winner of all three races. Seattle Slew, owned by Yakima Valley logger Mickey Taylor, is one of the last horses to win the Triple Crown since 1978.